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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LANZER, DELMAR

Examiner

Omar Flores-Sánchez

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-8, 11-15, 17-27, 29, 31, 32, 34-44, 46 and 47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-8, 11-13, 17-24 and 34-40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1, 14, 15, 25-27, 29, 31, 32, 41-44, 46 and 47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's amendment received on 2/27/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 14-15, 25-27, 29, 31-32, 46 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by O. F. Kleeb et al. (1,730,938).

Kleeb discloses (Fig. 1-4) the invention including a platform 1, a support plate 19, a saw assembly, a balancing apparatus 60, a saw blade 22, an oscillating mechanism (see Fig. 1), and a pair of pivot supports 21, a counterweight 61, a beam 20 and an aperture (Fig. 1 and 2). The balancing apparatus 60 and the support plate 19 move in opposite directions. More specifically, when the balancing apparatus goes up, the support plate goes down, and vice-versa.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 41-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over O. F. Kleeb et al. in view of A. C. Jacobson.

Kleeb discloses the invention substantially as claimed including a platform 1, a support plate 19, a saw assembly, a balancing apparatus 60, a saw blade 22, an oscillating mechanism (see Fig. 1), and a pivot support 21, a counterweight 61, a beam 20 and an aperture (Fig. 1 and 2). Kleeb does not show a rotatable member and a fixed member. However, Jacobson teaches the use of a rotatable member 36 and a fixed member 1 for the purpose of rotating the base 2. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Kleeb's cutter by providing the rotatable member and a fixed member as taught by Jacobson in order to set the device to any degree.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 14-15, 25-27, 29, 31-32, 41-44, 46 and 47 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Omar Flores-Sánchez whose telephone number is 703-308-0167. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap can be reached on 703-308-1082. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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